

REMARKS

As an initial matter, on behalf of the Applicants, the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in the earlier telephone conference. Claims 1-12 are all the claims pending in the application. By way of this Amendment, Applicants have amended the specification and claims to address all of the issues raised by the Examiner. Thus, it is submitted that the application is in condition of allowance.

For example, the Examiner continues to object to the drawings contending that the alternative arrangement recited in claim 3 (wherein the first retaining portion 32 is provided on the front holder and the resilient arm lock portion 33 is provided on the housing) is not shown in the drawings. Applicants have amended claim 3 to overcome this objection.

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure as outlined in paragraph 2 of the Office Action. First, the Examiner contends that the center retaining member 26 does not include retaining projections 32. In support of this, the Examiner notes that in Figure 1 of the application, reference numeral 26 points to a portion of the front holder 4, separate from the housing 3. As discussed during the interview, Applicants have deleted reference numeral 26 from Figure 1 to overcome this problem. As discussed on page 19 of the application, according to the invention, the sensor retaining member 26 includes a pair of retaining projections 32 provided on the housing body 3 in conjunction with a resilient arm lock portion 33 provided on the front holder 4.

It is noted that in the conference call with the Examiner, she raised a concern over the use of the term "member" to refer to something that was made up of two or more parts. Thus,

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Applicants have amended the specification at page 18 to alternatively refer to the sensor retaining member 26 as a “mechanism.” Applicants have also amended the claims by substituting “mechanism” for “member”, as proposed by the Examiner.

The same is true with respect to the provisionally-retaining member and the completely-retaining member. More specifically, Applicants have amended the specification at page 18 to alternatively identify these “members” as “mechanisms.” In addition, Applicants have amended the claims to refer to the provisionally-retaining “mechanism” and the completely-retaining “mechanism”. This is believed to address the objection to the specification at page 19 and also the objection to claim 2 in paragraph 4 of the Office Action.

The Examiner has also objected to the specification because reference 1110 included on pages 27 and 28 of the specification is not in the drawings. This appears to be a typographical error in that 1110 was intended to be 110. Thus, Applicants have amended the specification to correct the typographical error.


Finally, the Examiner has again objected to the Summary of the Invention as repeating the claimed invention. As a result of the undersigned’s telephone conference with the Examiner, it was agreed that the Examiner will withdraw this objection without any amendments to the specification.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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